

## Part II - Postmasters General

Beginning with Benjamin Franklin under the Continental Congress, 69 men have held the office of Postmaster General of the United States. Beginning with Samuel Osgood, the first Postmaster General appointed after the adoption of the Constitution in 1789, 66 men have held that office.

### Appointed by the Continental Congress

	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Took Office</u>
Benjamin Franklin . . . . .	July 26, 1775 . . . . .	July 26, 1775
Richard Bache . . . . .	November 7, 1776 . . . . .	November 7, 1776
Ebenezer Hazard . . . . .	January 28, 1782 . . . . .	January 28, 1782

### Appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate

	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Took Office</u>
Samuel Osgood . . . . .	September 26, 1789 . . . . .	September 26, 1789
Timothy Pickering . . . . .	August 12, 1791 . . . . .	August 19, 1791
Joseph Habersham . . . . .	February 25, 1795 . . . . .	July 1, 1795
Gideon Granger . . . . .	November 28, 1801 . . . . .	November 28, 1801
Return J. Meigs, Jr. . . . .	March 17, 1814 . . . . .	April 11, 1814
John McLean . . . . .	June 26, 1823 . . . . .	July 1, 1823
William T. Barry . . . . .	March 9, 1829 . . . . .	April 6, 1829
Amos Kendall . . . . .	May 1, 1835 . . . . .	May 1, 1835
John M. Niles . . . . .	May 19, 1840 . . . . .	May 26, 1840
Francis Granger . . . . .	March 6, 1841 . . . . .	March 8, 1841
Charles A. Wickliffe . . . . .	September 13, 1841 . . . . .	October 13, 1841
Cave Johnson . . . . .	March 6, 1845 . . . . .	March 7, 1845
Jacob Collamer . . . . .	March 8, 1849 . . . . .	March 8, 1849
Nathan K. Hall . . . . .	July 23, 1850 . . . . .	July 23, 1850
Samuel D. Hubbard . . . . .	August 31, 1852 . . . . .	September 14, 1852
James Campbell . . . . .	March 7, 1853 . . . . .	March 8, 1853
Aaron V. Brown . . . . .	March 6, 1857 . . . . .	March 7, 1857
Joseph Holt . . . . .	March 14, 1859 . . . . .	March 14, 1859
Horatio King . . . . .	February 12, 1861 . . . . .	February 12, 1861
Montgomery Blair . . . . .	March 5, 1861 . . . . .	March 9, 1861
William Dennison . . . . .	September 24, 1864 . . . . .	October 1, 1864
Alexander W. Randall . . . . .	July 25, 1866 . . . . .	July 25, 1866
John A. J. Creswell . . . . .	March 5, 1869 . . . . .	March 6, 1869
James W. Marshall . . . . .	July 3, 1874 . . . . .	July 7, 1874
Marshall Jewell . . . . .	August 24, 1874 . . . . .	September 1, 1874
James N. Tyner . . . . .	July 12, 1876 . . . . .	July 13, 1876
David McK. Key . . . . .	March 12, 1877 . . . . .	March 13, 1877
Horace Maynard . . . . .	June 2, 1880 . . . . .	August 25, 1880
Thomas L. James . . . . .	March 5, 1881 . . . . .	March 8, 1881
Timothy O. Howe . . . . .	December 20, 1881 . . . . .	January 5, 1882
Walter Q. Gresham . . . . .	April 3, 1883 . . . . .	April 11, 1883
Frank Hatton . . . . .	October 14, 1884 . . . . .	October 15, 1884
William F. Vilas . . . . .	March 6, 1885 . . . . .	March 7, 1885
Don M. Dickinson . . . . .	January 16, 1888 . . . . .	January 17, 1888
John Wanamaker . . . . .	March 5, 1889 . . . . .	March 6, 1889

Wilson S. Bissell . . . . .	March 6, 1893 . . . . .	March 8, 1893
William L. Wilson . . . . .	March 1, 1895 . . . . .	April 4, 1895
James A. Gary . . . . .	March 5, 1897 . . . . .	March 6, 1897
Charles Emory Smith . . . . .	April 21, 1898 . . . . .	April 23, 1898
Henry C. Payne . . . . .	January 9, 1902 . . . . .	January 15, 1902
Robert J. Wynne . . . . .	October 10, 1904 . . . . .	October 10, 1904
George B. Cortelyou . . . . .	March 6, 1905 . . . . .	March 7, 1905
George von L. Meyer . . . . .	January 15, 1907 . . . . .	March 4, 1907
Frank H. Hitchcock . . . . .	March 5, 1909 . . . . .	March 6, 1909
Albert S. Burleson . . . . .	March 5, 1913 . . . . .	March 5, 1913
Will H. Hays . . . . .	March 5, 1921 . . . . .	March 5, 1921
Hubert Work . . . . .	March 4, 1922 . . . . .	March 4, 1922
Harry S. New . . . . .	February 27, 1923 . . . . .	March 4, 1923
Walter F. Brown . . . . .	March 5, 1929 . . . . .	March 5, 1929
James A. Farley . . . . .	March 4, 1933 . . . . .	March 6, 1933
Frank C. Walker . . . . .	September 10, 1940 . . . . .	September 11, 1940
Robert E. Hannegan . . . . .	May 8, 1945 . . . . .	July 1, 1945
Jesse M. Donaldson . . . . .	December 16, 1947 . . . . .	December 16, 1947
Arthur E. Summerfield . . . . .	January 21, 1953 . . . . .	January 21, 1953
J. Edward Day . . . . .	January 21, 1961 . . . . .	January 21, 1961
John A. Gronouski . . . . .	September 30, 1963 . . . . .	September 30, 1963
Lawrence F. O'Brien . . . . .	November 3, 1965 . . . . .	November 3, 1965
W. Marvin Watson . . . . .	April 26, 1968 . . . . .	April 26, 1968
Winton M. Blount . . . . .	January 22, 1969 . . . . .	January 22, 1969

Appointed by the Board of Governors

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Took Office</u>
Winton M. Blount . . . . .	January 13, 1971 . . . . .	January 13, 1971
E.T. Klassen . . . . .	December 7, 1971 . . . . .	January 1, 1972
Benjamin F. Bailar . . . . .	January 7, 1975 . . . . .	February 16, 1975
William F. Bolger . . . . .	March 1, 1978 . . . . .	March 15, 1978
Paul N. Carlin . . . . .	December 12, 1984 . . . . .	January 1, 1985
Albert V. Casey . . . . .	January 6, 1986 . . . . .	January 7, 1986
Preston R. Tisch . . . . .	August 6, 1986 . . . . .	August 16, 1986
Anthony M. Frank . . . . .	February 2, 1988 . . . . .	March 1, 1988